



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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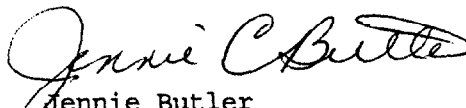
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Dear Mr. Dubeck:

Your petition, of behalf of Biovail Corporation, requesting the Food and Drug Administration to refrain from granting approval to Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) for extended-release generic drugs, was received by this office on 03/16/00. It was assigned docket number 00P-1199/CP 1 and it was filed on 03/16/00. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,


Jennie Butler
Dockets Management Branch

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